

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES (MDOD)

## 84.224A STATE GRANTS FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE

**Program Description:** Funded through the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 as amended in 2004 by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. This grant funds information and referral, training, equipment demonstration, equipment loan, equipment financing and equipment re-use activities to increase availability and accessibility of assistive technology for individuals with disabilities.

**Formula Description:** No match is required. Funds for this grant were originally allocated by the size of the disability population in each state. By statute in the 9th year of this grant each program would receive 75% of their original appropriation and in the 10th year and beyond each program would receive 50% of its original appropriation. Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MD TAP) received its first grant in 1988 and began operating in 1989. Maryland was operating under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 and is now operating under the newly reauthorized Assistive Technology Act of 1998 as amended in 2004. Under the new act, each state is to receive an amount that is not less than the amount received in fiscal year 2004 under the Act as their base year amount. If a higher appropriation is granted to the Act, the increase is allotted with 50% divided equally among the states and 50% divided based on population. If a lower appropriation is granted that is insufficient to award each state their base award, the allotments will be ratably reduced. If additional funds become available later, the allotments will be ratably increased.

**FY10 (exp)**  
**\$ 540,044**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 475,113**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 480,076**

**Program Supported / Population Served:** Maryland Technology Assistance Program / Individuals with disabilities statewide

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## 84.224C ALTERNATIVE FINANCING PROGRAM (TITLE III)

**Program Description:** Funded through the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) in the U. S. Department of Education by Title III of the Assistive Technology Act. This grant expands the Assistive Technology Loan Program, providing more low-interest loans to enable Marylanders with disabilities and their families to purchase "assistive technology." Assistive technology is broadly defined as equipment that enables a person with a disability to live more independently or productively with an improved quality of life.

**Formula Description:** The federal government appropriated \$36 million dollars for this grant with a 3 to 1 match ratio. States may offer a match for whatever amount is available. Twenty-six states applied for this grant with match amounts totaling over \$12 million. Due to the large response, each state received a portion of what it had originally requested. Maryland received \$1,270,981 in FY06; TAP originally offered a match of \$500,000, so TAP would have received \$1.5 million (over the full life of the program) if there were not such a large request for funding.

Funds received under this grant are non-budgeted; only the loan program's Special Funds are included below.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 108,242</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 121,508</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b> <b>\$117,211</b>
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**Program Supported / Population Served:** Assistive Technology Loan Program / Individuals with disabilities statewide

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### **84.235 ACCESS TO TELEWORK FUND PROGRAM**

**Program Description:** Enables low-interest equipment loans in the same manner as the Alternative Financing Program, but loans are issued exclusively for people with disabilities who are or intend to be teleworking. Teleworking includes employment and self-employment based at the worker's home or another location other than the employer's facility.

**Formula Description:** The federal government appropriated \$20 million dollars for this grant with a 9 to 1 match ratio. States offer a match for whatever amount is available. Twenty states applied for this grant. Due to the large response, each state received a proportion of what it had originally requested. Maryland received \$862,074 in FY06. Funds received under this grant are non-budgeted; only the loan program's Special Funds are included below.

<b>FY10 (exp)</b> <b>\$ 46,389</b>	<b>FY11 (approp)</b> <b>\$ 51,882</b>	<b>FY12 (est)</b> <b>\$ 50,232</b>
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**Program Supported / Population Served:** Telework and Self-Employment Loan Program / Individuals with disabilities statewide

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### **93.630 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BASIC SUPPORT GRANTS**

**Program Description:** Enables individuals with developmental disabilities to become independent, productive, and included into their communities. Funding under these programs is to assist states in the development of a plan for a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and other activities to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to their maximum potential, and to support a system which protects the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Formula Description:** Allocation criteria and/or mathematical calculations: two-thirds of the amount appropriated is allotted to each State according to the ratio the population each State bears to the population of the United States, weighted by the relative per capita income for each State. One-third of the amount appropriated is allotted to each State according to the ratio of beneficiaries in the State receiving benefits under Childhood Disabilities Beneficiary Program,

related to the age 18 to 65 population of the State as bearing on the national total of such population, weighted by the total population of the State. The Federal share of projects supported under the State Plan may not exceed 75%, except for projects whose activities or products target individuals with developmental disabilities who live in urban or rural poverty areas, which may not exceed 90 percent of the aggregate necessary costs of such project or activities, and in the case of projects or activities undertaken by the Council or Council staff to implement State plan priority, activities may be up to 100% of the aggregate necessary cost of such activities

**FY 10 (exp)**  
**\$ 894,342**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 979,839**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 1,021,429**

**Program Supported/Population served:** Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

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#### **93.768 CENTERS FOR MEDICAID AND MEDICARE MEDICAID INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT\***

**Program Description:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) solicits proposals from States to develop the infrastructure to support competitive employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Section 203 of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) Program. CMS is the designated DHHS agency with administrative responsibility for this grant program. Funding for this program is intended to:

Facilitate enhancements to State Medicaid programs and services;  
Promote linkages between Medicaid and other employment-related service agencies; and  
Develop a comprehensive system of employment supports for people with disabilities.

**Formula Description:** Congress authorized the MIG program for 11 years beginning in fiscal year 2001. The 2008 funding amount is \$42.85 million. The current grant period runs 12 months from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, with subsequent annual continuation requests. The minimum award to an applicant will be \$500,000 per year.

**Objectives:** The major objectives of this competition are to develop a comprehensive employment system that:

Maximizes employment for people with disabilities;  
Increases the State's labor force through the inclusion of people with disabilities; and  
Protects and enhances workers healthcare, other benefits, and needed employment supports.

**Program Supported/Population Served:** Job seekers with disabilities

**FY 10 (exp)**  
**\$ 621,887**

**FY11 (approp)**  
**\$ 932,943**

**FY12 (est)**  
**\$ 750,000**

NOTE: *\*Grant was transferred from DHMH to MDOD beginning in MIG grant year 2009 which runs January through December.*

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